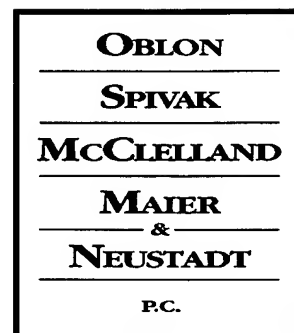




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Responsive to the Office Action dated October 23, 2006, Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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